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SUBJECT: SOVIET DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE: PROHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW TYPES OF MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS

1. IN HIS GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 23, SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO PROPOSED THE INSCRIPTION ON THE AGENDA OF THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS AN "IMPORTANT AND URGENT MATTER" AN ITEM ENTITLED "PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND OF NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS."

2. ATTACHED TO THE PRESS RELEASE OF GROMYKO'S STATEMENT WERE THE FOLLOWING UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS OF A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND OF A DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE ITEM.

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3. COMMENT: GROMYKO'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW DISARMAMENT

INITIATIVE SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN EVERYONE BY SURPRISE. WE APPARENTLY WERE NOT THE ONLY ONES TO BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET COMPREHENSIVE TEXT BAN INITIATIVE WAS THEIR MAJOR DISARMAMENT ITEM FOR THIS UNGA.

QUOTE LETTER FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ESTEEMED MR. SECRETARY-GENERAL,

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT PROPOSES THE INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM AS AN IMPORTANT AND URGENT MATTER: "PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW TYPES OF EEAPONS OF MASS ANNIHILATION AND OF NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS".

THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS OPENING IN CONDITIONS OF SERIOUS POSITIVE CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WHEN THE POLICY OF DETENTE IN RELATIONS AMONG STATES IS RECEIVING INCREASING SUPPORT. THE PROCESS OF DETENTE IS CREATING FAVOURABLE PREREQUISITES FOR ACHIEVING PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT AND THE LIMITATION OF THE ARMS RACE. IN THEIR TURN, THE IMPORTANT STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THIS FIELD IN RECENT YEARS INFLUENCE THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION FACILITATING THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE.

OWING TO THE EFFORTS OF PEACE-LOVING STATES THERE HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED SUCH MOST IMPORTANT AGEEMENTS, WHICH CONSTITUTE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIMITATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND DISARMAMENT, AS THE MOSCOW TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER, THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE CONVENTION ON PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPIILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION, AND OTHERS.

OF EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ARE THE SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENTS ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AND THE LIMITATION OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS. IN THE COURSE OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT AT VLADIVOSTOK AN UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED ESTABLISHING A BASIS FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCLUSION OF A NEW AGREEMENT TO CURB THE STRATEGIC ARMS RACE.

BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY AS REGARDS SOME OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF LIMITATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND DISARMAMENT.

HOWEVER, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED IN RECENT YEARS CURB, TO SOME EXTENT, THE ARMS RACE IN CERTAIN AREAS, IT HAS NOT YET PROVED POSSIBLE TO CHECK, ON THE WHOLE, THE ARMS BUILDUP. THE ARMS RACE, WHICH CONSUMES COUNTLESS

MATERIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND CAUSES DAMAGE TO ALL STATES, IS CONTINUING. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE DANGER OF USING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS TO CREATE NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS ANNIHILATION IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY REAL.

THEREFORE, THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT EFFECTIVE MEASURES BE TAKEN INTERNATIONALLY TO BAN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS ANNIHILATION AND OF NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS. THIS QUESTION WHICH IS ASSUMING AN EVER MORE URGENT AND ACUTE CHARACTER HAS NOT YET BEEN REFLECTED IN INTERSTATE AGREEMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TODAY HAVE REACHED A LEVEL OF EVOLUTION WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP AND CREATE NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS ANNIHILATION EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

TO PREVENT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FROM SERVING MILITARY PURPOSES AS A RESULT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF STILL MORE DESTRUCTIVE AND FORMIDABLE WEAPONS OF MASS ANNIHILATION, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO WORK OUT AND CONCLUDE AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT BANNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS ANNIHILATION AND OF NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS. SUCH AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD EFFECTIVELY BAR THE EMERGENCE OF SUCH WEAPONS SHOULD NOT, AT THE SAME TIME, CREATE OBSTACLES FOR ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS IN PARTICIPATING STATES.

THE ADOPTION BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF A DECISION WHICH WOULD FAVOUR THE IDEA OF CONCLUDING AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT OUTLAWING THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS ANNIHILATION AND OF NEW SYSTEMS
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ARTICLE I

1. EACH STATE PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT UNDERTAKES NOT TO DEVELOP OR MANUFACTURE NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS ANNIHILATION OR NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS, INCLUDING THOSE UTILIZING THE LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS ANNIHILATION AND NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS SHALL INCLUDE: (TO BE SPECIFIED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT).

IN CASE NEW AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF WEAPONS OF MASS ANNIHILATION AND SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS NOT COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT EMERGE AFTER THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT, ITS PARTIES SHALL HOLD NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO EXTENDING THE PROHIBITION ENVISAGED IN THIS AGREEMENT TO COVER SUCH POTENTIAL NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS.

2. EACH STATE PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT UNDERTAKES NOT TO ASSIST, ENCOURAGE, OR INDUCE ANY OTHER STATE, GROUP OF STATES OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES
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CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

ARTICLE II

EACH STATE PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES, TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PROHIBIT AND PREVENT ANY ACTIVITIES CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF SUCH A STATE, UNDER ITS JURISDICTION OR UNDER ITS CONTROL ANYWHERE.

ARTICLE III

1. IN CASE ANY STATE PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT HAS ANY SUSPICIONS THAT ANOTHER STATE PARTY HAS VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES CONCERNED UNDERTAKE TO CONSULT ONE ANOTHER AND CO-OPERATE IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS WHICH ARISE.

2. IF THE CONSULTATIONS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS ARTICLE FAIL TO PRODUCE RESULTS MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED, THE STATE WHICH HAS SUCH SUSPICIONS MAY LODGE A COMPLAINT WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. SUCH A COMPLAINT SHALL INCLUDE EVIDENCE CONFIRMING ITS VALIDITY, AS WELL AS A REQUEST FOR ITS CONSIDERATION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

3. EACH STATE PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT UNDERTAKES TO CO-OPERATE IN CARRYING OUT ANY INVESTIGATION WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL MAY INITIATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE COMPLAINT RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL. THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHALL INFORM STATES PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION.

4. EACH STATE PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT UNDERTAKES TO PROVIDE OR SUPPORT ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, TO ANY STATE PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT WHICH SO REQUESTS IF THE SECURITY COUNCIL DECIDES THAT SUCH STATE PARTY HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO DANGER AS A RESULT OF VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE IV

1. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE INTERPRETED AS AFFECTING THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT TO DEVELOP AND USE SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH DISCOVERIES EXCLUSIVELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION.

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2. THE STATES PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT UNDERTAKE TO FACILITATE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CO-OPERATION IN THE USE OF THE LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS AND DISCOVERIES OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

ARTICLE V

EACH STATE PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT UNDERTAKES TO PURSUE IN GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS ON EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO LIMIT AND STOP THE ARMS RACE OF ANY KIND AS WELL AS ON A TREATY ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.

ARTICLE VI

EACH STATE PARTY MAY PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THIS AGREEMENT. EACH PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS AND CIRCULATED BY THEM TO ALL PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT WHICH SHALL INFORM THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ITS RECEIPT.

THE AMENDMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE FOR EACH STATE PARTY ACCEPTING THE AMENDMENT UPON ITS ACCEPTANCE BY A MAJORITY OF STATES PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS, AND THEREAFTER, FOR EACH REMAINING STATE PARTY, ON THE DATE OF ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMENDMENT.

ARTICLE VII

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE UNLIMITED DURATION.

EACH STATE PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL IN EXERCISING ITS NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY HAVE THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AGREEMENT IF IT DECIDES THAT EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS, RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT, HAVE JEOPARDIZED ITS SUPREME INTERESTS. IT SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF SUCH WITHDRAWAL TO ALL OTHER STATES PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE. SUCH NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS IT REGARDS AS HAVING JEOPARDIZED ITS SUPREME INTERESTS.

ARTICLE VIII

1. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE OPEN TO ALL STATES FOR SIGNATURE. ANY STATE WHICH DOES NOT SIGN THE AGREEMENT BEFORE ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY ACCEDE TO IT AT ANY TIME.

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2. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY SIGNATORY STATES. INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION AND INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION SHALL BE DEPOSITED WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF WHICH ARE AHEREBY DESIGNATED THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS.

3. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION BY GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENTS DESIGNATED THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT.

4. FOR STATES WHOSE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION ARE DEPOSITED SUBSEQUENT TO THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, IT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF THE DEPOSIT OF THEIR INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION.

5. THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS SHALL PROMPTLY INFORM ALL SIGNATORY AND ACCEDING STATES OF THE DATE OF EACH SIGNATURE, THE DATE OF DEPOSIT OF EACH INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION, THE DATE OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND OF THE RECEIPT OF OTHER NOTICES.

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE REGISTERED BY THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 102 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

ARTICLE IX

THIS AGREEMENT, THE RUSSIAN, ENGLISH, SPANISH, CHINESE AND FRENCH TEXTS OF WHICH ARE EQUALLY AUTHENTIC, SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS.

DULY CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE TRANSMITTED BY THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SIGNATORY AND ACCEDING STATES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE UNDERSIGNED, DULY AUTHORIZED, HAVE SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT.

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